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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7263 NOTE PREPARED: Dec 30, 2004

BILL NUMBER: HB 1188 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Moratorium for Boards and Commissions.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. McClain BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

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<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> The bill establishes a one-year moratorium on the operation of all statutorily created boards, commissions, committees, and other similar entities. It permits the Governor, or the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Legislative Council, to authorize exceptions to the moratorium on a case-by-case basis. The bill directs the Governor, at the conclusion of the moratorium, to make recommendations to the Legislative Council concerning continuation, combination, restructuring, or repeal of each of the boards and commissions.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Summary - The bill would provide cost savings to the extent that salary per diem, travel, and other reimbursement would not be earned for the one-year period that boards, commissions, and committees are on moratorium. The cost savings would be determined by the actions of the Governor, and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Legislative Council, who may allow boards, commissions, or committees to meet under certain circumstances. Additionally, the Governor may incur administrative costs in preparing a recommendation for the Legislative Council. However, these costs are anticipated to be minimal and may be covered in the existing workload of staff.

Background: The bill specifically enumerates 337 boards, commissions, or committees that would not be allowed to meet for a year. The boards, commissions, and committees are created by statute, by the Legislative Council, or by the Governor. Staff for the boards, commissions, and committees may be provided by a state agency, the Legislative Services Agency, or a specifically identified entity. Some are funded with state General Fund dollars, while others receive funds from dedicated funds.

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Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Various boards, commissions, committees, and entities.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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